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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, and in the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-5.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended once) A magnetically activated optoelectronic logic gate comprising:
- means for receiving and storing electromagnetic radiation signals of ultraviolet or visible wavelength, magnetic field signals and combinations thereof; and
 - means for selectively accessing said stored signals to deliver said selected signals for signal processing.

Please add new claims 6-21 as follows.

6. (New) The optoelectronic logic gate of Claim 1 wherein said means for receiving and storing electromagnetic radiation signals is a photoreactive molecule capable of forming transient species when activated by said electromagnetic radiation signal, the lifetime of said transient species being modified in the presence of a magnetic field.

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